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In re Application of :  
Steven J. Kruy et al. :  
Application No. 09/717,645 :  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 3, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113, to the final Office action mailed March 18, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three (3) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) have been obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 19, 2003.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2171 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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